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SUBJECT: TWO KIDNAPPINGS CARRIED OUT ON JUNE 22

1. ADOLFO MACENTEE (ALSO SPELLED "MCENTEE" , 66 YEARS OLD AND ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT COFFEE GROWERS IN WESTERN EL SALVADOR, WAS KIDNAPPED IN SANTA ANA AT 12:20N.M. ON THURSDJBARX JUNE 22. MACENTEE, APPARENTLY IN THE HABIO OF TAKINRSWALKS WITHOUT BODYGUARDS ACCOMPANYING HIM, WAS ABDUCTED ONE BLOCK FROM HIS SANTA ANA RESIDENCE WHILE HE WAS WALKINRET LONE. FOUR ARMED, UNMASKED MEN REPORTEDLY GOT OUT OF A WHITE PANEL TRUCK AND FORCED MACENTEE INTO THE BACK OF THE PANEL TRUCK, WHERE A FIFTH MAN WAS WAITING. A BLACK "TOYOTA" WITH FIE AMRED MEN REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED THE PANEL TRUCK.

2. THE KIDNAPPERS REPORTEDLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH  
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MACENTEE'S FAMILY IN LATER AFTERNOON OF JUNE 22 AND SAID THEY WERE PART OF THE LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP). THEY ALSO SAID THAT MACENTEE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ABDUCTORS APPARENTLY WORE NO MASKS, NONE OF THE PEOPLE NEAR SCENE OF KIDNAPPING COULD IDENTIFY THEM. THERE ARE

REPORTEDLY FEW, IF ANY, CLUES TO THE ABDUCTION, ALTHOUGH MACENTED APPARENTLY RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER YEAR AGO IN WHICH HE WAS ASKED TO BRING 300,000 COLONES (US \$120,000) TO A DESIGNATED SPOT AS A MEANS OF "CONTRIBUTING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE." MACENTEE DID NOT COMPLY WITH THIS DEMAND.

3. ANOTHER KIDNAPPING OCCURRED AT 7:25 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22 IN THE PLAZA LAS AMERICAS IN SAN SALVADOR, WHEN MAURICIO SANDOVAL, WHO WORKS AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERT WITH MAC CANN ERICKSON IN EL SALVADOR, AND A FEMALE COMPANION (HIS SECRETARY) WERE ABDUCTED FROM A PHARMACY NEAR SANDOVAL'S OFFICE. THREE YOUNG MEN, ARMED WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS, APPARENTLY CARRIED OUT THE ASSAULT AND DROVE OFF WITH THEIR VICTIMS IN A MICROBUS AND SANDOVAL'S OWN CAR. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY DID NOT RESPOND TO THE INCIDENT UNTIL TWO HOURS LATER WHEN THEY SENT TWO RECENT GRADUATES OF THE POLICE ACADEMY TO CARRY OUT THE INVESTIGATION.

4. COMMENT: THESE TWO KIDNAPPINGS, COMING SHORTLY AFTER THE RELEASE OF SOL MEZA (SAN SALVADOR 3202), AND THE SEEMING INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE GOES SECURITY APPARATUS IN RESPONDING TO THE RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPATE OF KIDNAPPINGS, HAVE ADDED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE TENSION AND FEAR CURRENTLY PREVALENT IN EL SALVADOR CONCERNING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN GENERAL. CONSENSUS IS GROWING THAT PRESIDENT ROMERO AND GOES MUST TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION SOON OR BE FACED WITH OPEN AND ACTIVE OPPOSITION FROM BOTH THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT.

5. UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT RECEIVED THAT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF PROMINENT MEMBER OF DE SOLA FAMILY (EL SALVADOR'S FOURTEEN FAMILIES) WAS MADE THIS AFTERNOON. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.  
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